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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 9174

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, JA

SUBJECT: FOREX MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

REF: TOKYO 9062

SUMMARY: YEN AGAIN WEAKENED SHARPLY IN MOST RECENT TWO

TRADING DAYS (JULY 10-11) DROPPING TO 294.50 (REPRESENTA-

TIVE RATE) ON THURSDAY, JULY 11. TRADING VOLUME, HOWEVER,

HAS CONTINUED TO REMAIN RELATIVELY MODERATE. BOJ

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OFFICIAL INDICATED SMALL AMOUNT OF CENTRAL BANK INTER-

VENTION (DOLLAR SALES) UNDERTAKEN ON JULY 11. END
SUMMARY.

1. IN MOST RECENT TWO TRADING DAYS SPOT YEN RATE HAS
DECLINED FROM LEVEL OF YEN 288.30 PER DOLLAR ON JULY 9 TO
YEN 294.50 PER DOLLAR (REPRESENTATIVE RATE) ON JULY 11.
ON JULY 11 SPOT YEN RATE WEAKENED YEN 4.0 DURING FIRST
HOUR OF MORNING TRADING SESSION. BOJ OFFICIAL
ATTRIBUTED THIS RAPID MOVE TO PSYCHOLOGICAL CONCERNS
IN MARKET, BUT NOT TO ANY BASIC SUPPLY/DEMAND DIS-
EQUILIBRIUM. SAME OFFICIAL INDICATED THAT BOJ UNDER-
TOOK INTERVENTION TO EXTENT OF SALE OF FEW MILLION
DOLLARS IN LATE MORNING SESSION. THIS REPRESENTS FIRST
TIME BOJ HAS INTERVENED IN MARKET TO ANY SIGNIFICANT
DEGREE SINCE APRIL. TRADING WAS THEN CALMER IN AFTERNOON
WITH RATE FALLING TO YEN 292.15 PER DOLLAR BY SESSION'S
CLOSE. TOTAL VOLUME IN SPOT MARKET REGISTERED \$95 MIL
ON JULY 11 AND \$60 MIL ON JULY 10.

2. FORWARD YEN RATES HAVE ALSO WEAKENED IN
RECENT DAYS, BUT CONTINUE TO SELL AT DISCOUNT TO SPOT.
THREE-MONTH FORWARD CLOSED ON JULY 11 AT YEN 291.30 PER
DOLLAR, WEAKENING BY YEN 3.60 FROM PREVIOUS DAY'S CLOSE.
JULY 11 CLOSING FORWARD QUOTES REPRESENT 4.35 PERCENT
AND 2.17 PERCENT DISCOUNTS, RESPECTIVELY, FOR THREE-
AND SIX-MONTH FORWARDS. TOTAL VOLUME IN FORWARD MARKET
REGISTERED \$11.5 MIL ON JULY 11 COMPARED TO \$86.3 MIL
ON PREVIOUS DAY. TOTAL VOLUME IN SWAP MARKET REGISTERED
\$59 MIL ON JULY 11.
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